

(iii) Transfer of Lands.

498. There were 13,753 (12,153) transfers of land by order of Courts, Civil and Revenue, involving an extent of 62,966 (53,157) acres. Transfer by private contracts and mortgages numbered 1,25,634 (1,43,907) involving 3,79,843 (4,43,670) acres.

(iv) Labour and Wages.

499. Employment for Labourers was generally available and was provided by the several industrial concerns in the State, *viz.*, The Kolar Gold Fields, the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, Government Industrial Concerns and several private factories in Bangalore, the Sugar Company at Mandya, the Iron and Steel and Cement Works and Paper Mills at Bhadravati, Match and Sandal Oil Factories at Shimoga and several industrial concerns in Davangere. The Major Irrigation Works, Works of Restoration of several Major and Minor Tanks and other works undertaken by the Public Works Department in addition to the works taken up under the Rural Development Scheme also provided sufficient employment to the regular Labour classes and also to the Agriculturists who went in search of labour.

500. There was not much variation in the rates of wages compared with those of the previous year. The rates of wages for both the skilled and unskilled labour and cart-hire continued to be high as in the previous year. In fact, it showed a tendency to rise on account of the increase in the cost of living.

501. There was no unusual movement of people either from or into the State during the year in search of employment except for the usual influx of labour during the agricultural season into Malnad Taluks.

(v) Inam Settlement.

502. Fifteen land inams of an aggregate area of 60 acres and 19 guntas were resumed. The resumption resulted in a net increase of Rs. 96 in land revenue and a decrease in the jodi by about Rs. 89. Original survey was conducted in 3 (3) inam Villages comprising 60 (337) survey numbers with an area of 361 acres and 30 guntas (1,822 acres).